# FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

**Eggs Can Supplant Present Income**

Virginia, an egg deficient state, permits small land owners to adapt egg production as a source of additional income.

A great deal of discussion now centers around how to produce eggs, caged or floor layers. Following are some considerations before adopting either system.

There is no accurate information on the relative profit of cage and floor layers in Virginia. Several producers have taken the cages out after using them a while. Anyone interested in cages should visit some cage installations, and even then it would be desirable to try a few layers in cages and compare the results with birds on the floor before investing heavily in cages.

Generally, several advantages are claimed for cage layers. They enable the producer to get definite information on the production of each bird. Slightly less feed is required per dozen eggs. There will be lower mortality in the flock, and egg eating will be kept at a minimum. Parasite troubles are reduced, and there will be fewer extremely dirty eggs. If the cages are kept filled there will be a uniform yearly production.

On the other hand, birds in the cages cannot stand very cold and very hot weather as well as the birds on the floor. When temperature in the building gets to freezing or below, production is affected. A heater in the winter and fans in the summer are necessary for best results.

More labor is required with cages than with floor birds. Estimates are that one man will handle 1-2 to 1-3 fewer birds in cages. Continuous brooding and rearing of pullets is necessary if constant culling is done and the cages are kept filled. Colds seem to be harder to handle when birds are in cages. Treatment for lice and mites is more difficult and fly control is a serious problem with cage layers.

**Don't Feed Lice This Winter**

Select a warm day, or middle of a sunny day and spray cattle for external parasites.

DDT will do an effective job in controlling lice on beef cattle, however, if mites or mange is a problem, use lindane. Check cattle apes. It is important that calves three months old or younger are not treated with lindane.

Dairy cattle should be sprayed with methoxychlor for lice control. However, one treatment of lindane will control mites. Do not spray young calves with lindane.

**COSTLY LESSON**

Bridgeport, Conn.- Anxious to drive his father's car, Terry Ikey, 4, too a chance when his father left him in the car and went inside a gasoline station. Terry turned on the ignition, stepped on the accelerator and car, which had been left in reverse, rolled backward down a hill and struck another car. The second car was knocked over an embankment into a small stream. The Ikey car kept rolling, hitting three other cars. Meanwhile, the first car, only partly submerged in the creek, caught fire. Firemen rushed to the scene, tying up traffic during one of the rush hours.


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## Sarah Anne's COOKING CLASS

The time has come to begin planning that Christmas fruit cake. Here are some recipes, some of them old and some of them new. Take your pick.

**Fruitcake**

4 cups sifted cake flour
1 teaspoon mace
1-4 teaspoon nutmeg
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1-2 teaspoon baking soda
3 pounds currants
2 pounds seeded raisins
1 pound citron sliced
2 cups blanched almonds sliced
1 pound butter
2 cups light brown sugar
9 eggs
1 cup cold strong coffee

Sift flour, spices and soda together 3 times. Mix with fruits and nuts. Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat egg yolks until stiff. Add yolks and whites to butter-sugar mixture. Add flour fruit mixture alternately with the coffee. Pour into pans lined with greased paper. Bake in an oven 275 for 3 to 4 hours.

**White Fruit Cake**

1-2 pound butter
1-2 pound sugar
6 eggs
2 cups fresh grated coconut
1-2 pound flour
1-2 pound citron out thin
1-2 pound blanched shelled almonds cut up
1-2 pound shelled pecans cut up
1 teaspoon baking powder

Dredge cut up citron with flour. Cream the butter and sugar, and add eggs which have been beaten separately. Add the flour sifted with the baking powder. Mix thoroughly. Add citron and nuts. Bake in an oven 275 degrees for 1 hour. This makes 1 loaf.

**Dark Fruit Cake**

1 dozen eggs
1 pound butter
1 pound sugar
1½ pounds flour
2 pounds shelled nuts chopped
1 cup brandy
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon cloves
2 teaspoons nutmeg
1 teaspoon soda
2 pounds raisins seeded
2 pounds currants
1 pound citron cut fine
1 pound dates cut up
1-4 pound dried figs cut up
1 cup molasses

The flour should be slightly browned in the oven before commencing the cake. Cream butter and sugar, add eggs which have been beaten separately and 1 pound of the flour. Add spices. Use 1-2 pound flour to dredge the fruit, add to the cake batter. Add brandy and molasses. Add soda which has been dissolved in 1 tablespoon of water. Divide in 2 parts and put in greased paper lined pans. Bake in an oven 275 degrees.

**Japanese Fruit Cake**

1 cup butter
4 eggs
3 1-4 cups flour
1 scant cup milk
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla

Make as any cake. Divide batter into 2 parts. Into one part add one teapoon each of cinnamon and allspice, 1-2 teaspoon cloves, 1-4 pound of finely chopped raisins. Bake the white part in 2 layers. Put together with the following filling:

**Filling**

Juice of 2 lemons
Grated rind of 1 lemon
1 good sized coconut grated
2 cups sugar
1 cup boiling water
2 tablespoons corn starch

Put all ingredients except cornstarch in a saucepan. Then the mixture begins to boil add cornstarch, which has been dissolved in 1-2 cup cold water. Continue to cook, stirring constantly, until mixture drops in a lump. Put between layers, cover top layer with a white icing.

**Light Fruit Cake**

2½ cups sifted cake flour
1 teaspoon each of baking powder and salt
1 1-3 cups blanched almonds chopped
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
3-4 cup butter
1 cup sugar
. . egg whites unbeaten
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2-3 cup each finely cut citron, candied cherries and pineapple
3-4 cups grated coconut

Sift together flour, salt and baking powder 3 times. Mix 1-2 cup flour mixture with fruit and nuts. Cream lemon rind with butter, add sugar gradually. Cream well. Add 3 egg whites beating after each egg white. Add lemon juice, then flour alternately with the rest of the egg whites. Beat well. Add fruit and nut mixture. Stir well. Bake as other fruit cake.

**BITES DOG-CATCHER**

Huntington Park, Calif.- A jury couldn't agree recently on whether Mrs. Margie Gomes, 26, was guilty of battery for biting a dog-catcher. The dog-catcher, Donard Baird, testified she bit him on the arm as he was trying to snare her beagle pup. Mrs. Gomes said Baird twisted her arm around and shoved her against the back door of the truck, so she bit him. A new trial was set.


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**UNIFORM PLAN FOR IDENTIFYING CATTLE PROCEEDS IN VIRGINIA**

The "Christmas-tree" effect contrived when there are several different identifying tags for herd improvement or disease control programs in cattle is becoming passe in Virginia.

Dr. Frank Ellmore, dairy husbandman at VPI, says a nationwide uniform plan for identifying dairy and beef cattle with only one ear tag for each animal is underway and proceeding smoothly in Virginia.

The office of the veterinarian in the State Department of Agriculture is responsible for making block assignments of numbers, and the VPI Agricultural Extension Service is using the block assigned to it in the dairy herd improvement association and artificial breeding programs.

The plan is based on a numbering system, which provides enough combinations of letters and numbers to tag more than eight million cattle in the United States and territories without a single duplication. The system provides 169,000,000 different numbers for each state.

In the past, identification numbers for cattle have been duplicated nationally, and even within the same state, often resulting in considerable confusion when the records are handled on modern record-keeping machinery. This was particularly true in the DHIA program of proving dairy sires by dam and daughter comparisons.

Dr. Ellmore says the plan has these major advantages: no duplication of identification numbers, only one tag per animal, and no additional cost to individuals and groups. It is a simple and much improved system, he says.

Hunters are urged to safeguard the rights of landowners during the open hunting season, so as to encourage more owners to grant hunting privileges.


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From where I sit ... *by Joe Marsh*

**The Kid's Learned to "Take Charge"**

**I was down at Buck Benson's store the other day when a fellow came in with a six-year-old boy—obviously his son.**

While the fellow was looking over some stuff on the counter, Buck handed a free peppermint stick to the boy, who promptly tore off the wrapper and went to work on it.

The father seemed quite put out about his son's lack of manners and held up his hand to stop him. "What do we say when Mr. Benson gives us something?" he demanded. "Charge it," replied the kid without hesitation.

From where I sit, children are the only ones who "report things without knowing what they're talking about. For instance, I'm convinced that many of those who speak out against the old American custom of enjoying a glass of beer after work are just parroting what they've heard others say. It's better to get the facts—then make up our own minds—and persuade our neighbors to do the same.

*Joe Marsh*

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**NO ONE CLAIMS'EM**

Tokyo.- A taxi driver, Shoji Asahi, turned a brief case over to a passenger had left in his cab. The brief case, it contained 400 watches, valued at an estimated $50,000. No one has yet made claim for the watches, which are probably smuggled into Japan.

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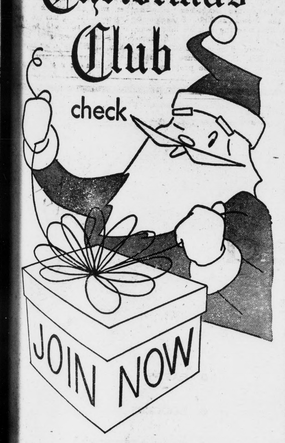


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By Frances Dell

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will find that pot gardening you to stage your own show you wish. You grow or plants in pots or tubs and into your garden when ch full bloom. Another adis that you can weed out scrawny plants and replace them with vigorous plants with little or no trouble.

Pot-gardening requires lots of planning, but you will find it more than worth the trouble. There is a great advantage in being able to create your flower picture after the plants are in bloom.

If you plan a sequence of blossoms, you could start with daffodils, tulips, petunias, and chrysanthemums. If you like the effect next year you could try crocus, daffodils, tulips, petunias, zinnias, and chrsanthemums. This will give you color from March through October.

For winter show, don't overlook the broad leaf evergreens. Tubs of mountain laurel, azalea, and pieris can also be used to make beautiful designs in the winter garden.

This is not an expensive kind of gardening. It is something that the whole family can enjoy so invest in a few pots and the necessary bulbs and plants. You won't be sorry.

The Sinai Peninsula has been a battleground since Biblical times.

## Homemakers Items

**Plastic Cartons for Eggs**

Transparent cartons for eggs have proved popular with consumers in tests made in supermarkets in six cities.

VPI home economists, reporting on studies made in Maine, said plastic cartons which allowed consumers to see the contents from all sides were used. Consumers showed a decided preference for the "see-through" cartons, and their use for displaying eggs in supermarkets resulted in increased egg sales. The report states that transparent cartons are available now at a cost reasonable enough to permit retailers to use them for marketing premium quality eggs, and for promoting egg sales in their stores.

**Peanuts for Dieters**

Peanuts may soon be made less threatening to calorie - conscious people, The U. S. Department of Agriculture has done a study that shows a solvent-bath process can remove oil from peanuts without changing their physical appearance. According to weight, the peanut is about 50 per cent oil. An ordinary handful—from 15 to 17 peanuts—contains about 84 calories. This same quantity of de-oiled nuts has about 80 per cent less energy value—only about 17 calories.

The high protein value of peanuts is not destroyed by removing the oil. The de-oiled nuts have a firm crisp texture. These nuts have a slightly lighter color than the ordinary peanuts, and are also considerably milder and sweeter. By roasting the nuts after the oil has been removed, both the color and flavor can be enhanced.

It's too early to look for the low-calorie peanuts on your grocer's shelves, but it seems probable that soon even a weight-watcher will be able to enjoy peanuts with a clear conscience.

**SURVIVES 5TH AUTO CRASH**

Fairbanks, Alaska, Ole Joe, 1800 pound bull buffalo pays no attention to traffic, with the result that he has suffered five collisions in the last five years, but he's little the worse for wear. He recently inflicted $300 damage to a territorial police car, but was scarcely scratched.

## NEWS from HOLLYWOOD

It has been announced that Pat Wayne, son of John Wayne, has been selected by Director John Ford to star next summer in the $4,000,000 movie, "The Valiant," for C. V. Whitney Pictures. Pat, a blond, blue-eyed, 17-year-old high school senior, once thought of entering the priesthood, but it seems that he is to be an actor, whether he wants to or not.

Henry Fonda, who has been known to declare that he would not make another Western, is currently starring in Paramount's "The Tip Star," a yarn about an ex-sheriff who turns reward-money killer, but has a big enough heart to bail out a younger, inexperienced sheriff who finds himself in trouble.

While no estimates have been made thus far, it is said that "The King and I," the Yul Brynner - Deborah Kerr Cinema-Scope musical has joined the big money - makers and is one of the largest grossing pictures in history of 20th Century Fox. At last count, it had already grossed close to $20,000,000.

After a seven years' absence, Edward Everett Horton has returned to motion pictures to play Sir Walter Raleigh in Warner's "Story of Mankind."

It is interesting to know that Universal - International is the only major studio who has not yet yielded to the temptation to sell its backlog of pictures for television viewing.

Mei Ferrer, who recently completed his role in "War and Peace," in Italy in English for an Italian producer, has returned to Paris to make a movie for an American outfit. He will then star in a French-language feature for a French studio.

James Cagney has the role of the late Lon Chaney, in the film, "The Man Of a Thousand Faces." Cagney, by the way, is taking this role very seriously and was busy on the lot three weeks in advance of shooting, working on research and fittings. Dorothy Malone will play Chaney's first wife, but the other prominent roles are yet to be filled.

## Health and Beauty

Over ten per cent of the United States population suffers at least one cold per "season" — a total of over 130 million cold sufferers annually. This is according to officials of Grove Laboratories, Inc., the world's largest manufactures of cold tablets.

The common cold is a year around disease, however, it reaches a peak outbreak three times each year. The first high point results from the sniffles and sneezes occurring between mid-September and the end of October. The second and most severe, takes place between early January and mid-February, while the third occurs from late March to late April.

The latest treatment of a cold is citrus bioflavonoids coupled with vitamin C. Amazing results with this drug have been accomplished. The relief is noted in these three days. First, the prompt or gradual subsidence of the usual symptoms of the common cold; next the degree of improvement reported by the patients and the evident remission of his symptoms up to and on the third day after medication; the patient feels much relieved in a general way; whether complications ensued.

Even young children can be given the new bioflavonoids and benefit.

There is still a great deal of work to be done in this field—However, it is a major medical discovery and may some day completely control the common cold.

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